

## SOUTH KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND CHIEF SANITARY  
INSPECTOR, FOR THE YEAR 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
South Kesteven Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Report and that of your Chief  
Sanitary Inspector for 1944.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area 95,061 acres.

Population 14060 Registrar General's figures for 1943.

No. of inhabited houses 3907.

Rateable value £43723.

Sum represented by a penny rate £173.

Vital Statistics (not corrected by Registrar General)

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Over 90</u>	
Births	98	105	203*	M	F
Death	55	69	124	5	4

\* Not including 62 outside births.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes	- Nil
" " Measles (all ages)	- Nil
" " Whooping Cough.	- 1
" " Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	- Nil

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Whooping Cough.	1	-
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	2	-
Influenza	1	-
Cancer	9	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage	6	9
Heart disease	14	28
Other Circulatory diseases	4	5
Bronchitis	4	5
Pneumonia	-	1
Nephritis	2	1
Prematurity	1	-
Suicide	1	-
Road Traffic Accidents.	1	1
Violent causes	1	-
War operations	9	-
Sehility	3	3
Infantile Convulsions	1	1
Other defined diseases		3

SECTION B. General provisions of Health Services for the Area

The Health Services for the Area remain the same, but in spite of short staffing of Nurses and Doctors, they have been maintained. Both the general practitioners and the nurses are faced with increasing difficulties which add to their burden - the lack of sufficient hospital facilities for their patients (this itself is caused by the lack of hospital nurses and domestic staff) and the failure to provide them with cars at a reasonable price to replace their broken down ones or ones on the verge of breakdown.

The general practitioner and the Village nurse are the foundations of the Health Service. That it has not broken down is due to them. They are, to paraphrase Lord Wavell, "The Infantry with a big I".

Again numerous Holiday Camps for School children were run in the district, and thanks to the firmness displayed by your Sanitary Officers, conditions were better than last year.

SECTION C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

The wet summer of 1944 helped to prevent a repetition of the drought of 1943.

In view of the fears of pollution occurring in the limestone ridge which runs from North to South, the length of the district, save for the Welland Valley, intensive investigations were undertaken. Water samples were taken repeatedly along three West to East lines.

(1) Corby, Stainfield, Morton. (2) Castle Bytham, Little Bytham, Thurlby. (3) Uffington, Tallington, Deeping St. James.

The final results were satisfactory.

The waste of water from sealed bores still continues in spite of representations to the Central Government, though the new Water Bill will in the fullness of time end this state of affairs.

Abundance of pure water is more important to the individual than an abundance of watercress!

SECTION D Housing in the Post War years is being actively studied. In November, 1944 another Sanitary Inspector was appointed for the Housing Survey.

SECTION E Inspection and Supervision of Food

See the Chief Sanitary Inspector's report.  
One unmitigated blessing brought by the war has been the establishment of a Central Slaughterhouse.

SECTION F Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

The South Kesteven Rural District Council is rightly proud of its Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium.

Cases are admitted from all Kesteven; Puerperal fever cases from Peterborough and several cases from Service stations over a wide region.

Analysis of cases of Infectious Diseases under age groups.

	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Measles	Whooping Cough.	Erysipelas	Dysentery.
Under one year	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
1 - 2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
2 - 3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-
3 - 4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
4 - 5	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
5 - 10	10	-	-	1	-	-	3	29	-	-
10 - 15	12	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-
15 - 20	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
20 - 35	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1
35 - 45	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
45 - 65	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
65 or over	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	29	-	1	10	1	1	9	44	1	1
Admitted into hospital	29	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-

Cancer deaths:-

Died at home

	M.	F.
	9	11
Ages		
Colon	71	68
	73	-
Rectum	72	

Died away in hospitals  
institutions etc.

	M	F
	7	2
Ages		
Colon	74	-
Rectum	69	-
	59	-
	75	-



# Cancer deaths:-

Died at home

Died away in hospitals  
institutions etc.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Jaw	-	67	Stomach	-	50
Stomach	66	51	Ovary	-	60
	77	77	Lung	47	-
Gall bladder		75	Thyroid	37	-
Liver	-	82	(not		
	-	60	immediate)		
Breast	-	82(not immediate cause)			
	-	55( " " " )	Sarcoma of		
	-	68	skull	45	-
Prostrate	75	-			
	74	-			
Lip	94	-			
Lung	58	-			
Sarcoma Uterus		41			

## Diphtheria Prophylaxis

Under 5 43.5% 5 - 15 98% were immunized.

Scabies Cases dealt with. 185

Clinic  
129

Home  
56

Lice (Braceborough Hostel 46, at School 7, Clinic 8)

The services of the Scabies nurse are invaluable.

Tuberculosis. New cases and Mortality during 1944.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
15-25	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45-55	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55-65	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Finally I have not waited for the Registrar General's figures before presenting this Report, as the value of a report lies in its close relation in time to work done.

I wish to thank my fellow officials for their constant help and support.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. GALLETLY.

Medical Officer of Health.



# SOUTH KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
41, North Street,  
Bourne, Lincs.

27th April, 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
South Kesteven Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Report for the year 1944.

## Inspection and Supervision of Food Supplies.

(a) MILK. 73 Inspections were carried out at cowsheds and dairies in the district and various minor infringements of the Milk & Dairies Order were remedied by personal interview or by the service of informal notices. Several cowsheds were reconstructed during the year.

(b) MEAT & OTHER FOODS. The following animals, a total of 4662 were inspected at the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse, Eastgate, Bourne, during the year:-

Bulls	Bullocks	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
22	660	220	205	85	3085	385

As a result of such inspections a total weight of 17 tons 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 21½ lbs. of unsound meat was voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

## DRAINAGE.

All complaints of nuisances arising from defective or choked drainage have been dealt with but the condition of many old sewers in various parishes and the deplorable insanitary condition of the outfalls of same, particularly in the larger villages (e.g. Market Deeping, Deeping St. James, Corby and Billin borough) constitute a grave menace to public health. It is imperative that satisfactory sewerage schemes be provided in the larger centres of population at the earliest possible opportunity and that the Government should assist Rural Authorities with a high percentage of grant in order that schemes of a comprehensive nature may be carried out to remedy the present serious state of affairs in this respect.

Watercourses in 19 parishes were rodded and/or cleansed during 1944

## HOUSING

Difficulty in getting repairs carried out owing to labour shortage in the building trades continues to be a major problem and a considerable percentage of farm-workers' cottages are falling into a bad state of repair after six years of war, during which time little repair work has been carried out.

Most progressive Rural District Councils will welcome the Government's decision to carry out a Rural Housing Survey but I would stress the importance of keeping to the high standards of fitness adopted by most County Housing Advisory Committees in order that the agricultural worker may enjoy the same amenities and comforts as those provided for the town dweller. The tendency to accept a lower standard for a country cottage either on account of vested interests or financial considerations, must be avoided at all costs.

In order that the fullest use may be made of the Rural Housing Survey, it is imperative that the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts should be revised both in regard to the maximum amount of grant allowable to be paid to property owners and in regard to the conditions under which a grant is given.

## SALVAGE

I wish again to record my sincere appreciation of the co-operation given to me by W.V.S. village salvage officers, salvage stewards, schoolteachers and schoolchildren in this branch of the National War Effort during 1944. It is of interest to note that, during the financial year ended 31st March, 1944, a net profit was made of £256. 13. 7d., this being a saving of approximately a 1½d rate.

Details of materials collected and sold during the year are as follows:-



Materials.	Weight.			Cash realised.		
	Tons	cwts.	lbs.	£	s.	d.
1. PAPER etc.						
(a) Cardboard	19	18	84	127	1	11
(b) Mixed Waste	4	3	56	26	12	3
(c) Magazines & Books	2	13	0	24	10	2
(d) Newsprint.	1	12	0	17	4	0
(e) Kraft Brown	2	7	28	22	15	9
(f) Kraft Lime Bags	-	16	56	5	7	3
(g) Selected Waste.	4	15	0	33	5	0
2. SCRAP IRON	27	19	84	78	15	6
3. CRUSHED TINS	17	11	28	22	5	11
4. RUBBER	5	13	28	14	3	1
5. BATTERIES	10	0	0	5	0	0
6. RAGS	2	12	56	63	7	0
7. SACKING	4	4	28	17	17	6
8. BONES.	3	13	56	17	9	2
TOTALS:-	108	0	56	475	14	6

#### SCAVENGING

There is no system of refuse collection or disposal in the district but the Council has agreed to the establishment of such a service after the cessation of hostilities in Europe. The Salvage Collection Scheme has continued to help in this respect but, following the discontinuance of the Ministry of Supply's Subsidy on the collection of iron and tins and the Council's subsequent decision to discontinue the collection of these materials as Salvage, unsightly dumps of tins, etc., have commenced to spring up on roadside grass verges.

The need for a comprehensive Scheme of Refuse Collection and disposal in the district is urgent.

#### STATISTICS.

Total number of inspections made	1415
Number of Sanitary Works completed	147
Number of Statutory Notices served	1
Number of Informal Notices served.	95

#### Details of Visits:-

Slaughterhouses	273	Cowsheds & Dairies	73
Drainage	306	Infectious Diseases	12
Salvage	221	Disinfections	8
Housing Acts.	152	Water Supply	80
Bakehouses	10	Stables & Piggeries	10
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	270		

In conclusion I wish to thank my fellow officials and members of the Council for the courtesy and co-operation extended to me during the year in the discharge of the varied duties of the Public Health Department and my staff for their loyal and ready assistance.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WALTER A. CHIVERS.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.